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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY VISITORS (ANDERSSON, NILS AND ASTRAND, SVEN-GUSTAV)

1. POST REQUESTS FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE NOVEMBER 3-9, 1975, FOR TWO HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS WITHIN THE STOCKHOLM COUNTY COUNCIL: MR. SVEN-GUSTAV ASTRAND, DENTAL DIRECTOR OF THE STOCKHOLM COUNTY PUBLIC DENTAL HEALTH SERVICE, AND DR. NILS ANDERSSON, ADMINISTRATIVE CHIEF, EASTMAN DENTAL INSTITUTE (PART OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL DENTAL HEALTH SERVICE, SPECIALIZING IN CHILDREN'S DENTAL SURGERY AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR DENTISTS).

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOLLOWS:
PUBLIC DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SWEDEN, ADMINISTERED BY THE COUNTY COUNCILS, ARE EXPANDING GREATLY AT PRESENT, PARTLY DUE TO RECENT HEALTH INSURANCE LEGISLATION. THE STOCKHOLM COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC DENTAL HEALTH SERVICE HAS AN OPERATING BUDGET ON 30 MILLION DOLLARS, 1870 EMPLOYEES (OUT OF WHICH 700 ARE DENTISTS) AND RUNS 170 CLINICS. THE EASTMAN INSTITUTE IN ADDITION EMPLOYS 46 DENTISTS SPECIALIZING IN PUBLIC DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN.

3. MESSRS ASTRAND AND ANDERSSON WILL VISIT THE UNITED STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN A CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO, ARRANGED BY THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION AND FEDERATION DENTAIRE INTERNATIONALE OCTOBER 26 -
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NOVEMBER 1. IN ADDITION, THEY ALSO PLAN TO VISIT THE

EASTMAN INSTITUTE IN ROCHESTER NOVEMBER 10-12. THEY HAVE ALREADY ESTABLISHED CONTACTS WITH MR. FRANK J. CORDERO, AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION, 211 EAST CHICAGO AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILL. 60611, AND MR. WILLIAM D. MCHUGH, DIRECTOR, EASTMAN DENTAL CENTER, 800 MAIN STREET EAST, ROCHESTER, N.Y. 14603 FOR PROGRAM ASSISTANCE IN CHICAGO AND ROCHESTER. IN ADDITION, THEY HAVE ADVISED MR. MARTIN HALLQVIST OF THE SWEDISH INFORMATION SERVICE, 825 THIRD AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022 OF THEIR VISIT. MR. HALLQVIST CORRECTLY REFERRED THEM TO THIS POST FOR COORDINATION AND FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE SINCE SIS NEW YORK IS NOT EQUIPPED TO PROGRAM SPECIALISTS IN THIS FIELD AS EFFECTIVELY AS THE DEPARTMENT.

4. THE PURPOSE OF THE U.S. VISIT IS TO STUDY CURRENT SOCIO-ODONTOLOGICAL PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY AS THEY RELATE TO
A) DEVELOPMENTS AND TRENDS IN THE FIELD OF ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF DENTAL CARE (SPECIFICALLY PUBLIC DENTAL HEALTH SERVICE), INCLUDING VARIOUS SYSTEMS FOR PREPAYMENT, AND THE ROLE OF FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL SUPPORT OF DENTAL HYILTH SYSTEMS: B) THE ROLE AND EDUCATION OF "PARAPROFESSIONALS" AND OTHER AUXILIARY ASSISTANTS IN ADMINISTERING A DENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM (I.E. NURSES, NURSES' AIDES, DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND TECHNICIANS, ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL ETC.) IN AN EFFORT TO BETTER UTILIZE THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF (FYI: THE RATIO IN SWEDEN IS ONE TO ONE IN TERMS OF DENTISTS AND ASSISTANTS)?
C) THE BASIC EDUCATION AND FURTHER TRAINING COURSES FOR VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF DENTAL PERSONNEL.

5. FROM PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS MSSRS ASTRAND AND ANDERSSON HAVE LEARNT THAT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DENTAL RESEARCH, BETHESDA, MARYLAND, IS CARRYING OUT RESEARCH PROJECTS WHERE PARAPROFESSIONALS ARE USED AND TRAINED IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY AND POSSIBLY ELSEWHERE. IN ADDITION TO BRIEFINGS AT THE NIDR AND A VISIT TO THIS RESEARCH PROJECT IN KOUSVILLE(IF STILL IN OPERATION) THEY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTIONS FOR OTHER SIMILAR PROJECTS LOCATED ENROUTE BETWEEN CHICAGO, LOUISVILLE AND WASHINGTON. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP. THEY ALSO HAVE BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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ADVISED OF US NAVY PROJECTS IN NAVAL DENTISTRY AND WOULD LIKE TO OBSERVE THESE, IF CLOSE TO CITIES ON ITINERARY.

6. PENDING DEPARTMENTENLS ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS, THIS IS TENTATIVE ITINERARY:
OCTOBER 25, ETA CHICAGO: EXACT ARRIVAL WILL BE FBRWARDED;
OCTOBER 26-NOVEMBER 1, ADA/FDI CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO;
NOVEMBER 2 OR 3 - TRAVEL TO LOUISVILLE FOR ONE OR TWO DAYS

OBSERVATION OF NIDH PROJECT;

NOVEMBER 4-5: TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON FOR BRIEFINGS AT THE
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DENTAL HEALTH (WITH POSSIBLE STOPS
ENROUTE PER DEPARTMENTS SUGGESTIONS);

NOVEMBER 9, P.M. - TRAVEL TO ROCHESTER FROM WASHINGTON;

NOVEMBER 10-12: PROGRAM AT EASTMAN INSTITUTE, ROCHESTER,
ALREADY ARRANGED;

NOVEMBER 12 PM-15 PRIVATE STAY IN NEW YORK. NO PROGRAM
REQUIRED.

POST IS AWARE THAT LOUISVILLE AND US NAVY PROJECTS ARE
DESCRIBED IN VAGUE TERMS BUT HOPES THAT NIDR IN BETHESDA
CAN IDENTIFY.

7. BIOGRAPHIC DATA:

- A) ANDERSSON, STEN NILS
- B) BORN MAY 12, 1935 IN AVESTA, SWEDEN
- C) PRESENTLY ADMINISTRATIVE CHIEF AND HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF
PROSTHETICS AND STOMATOGNATHIC PHYSIOLOGY, EASTMAN INSTITUTE
- D) SVARDSLILJEVAGEN 82, 162 43 VALLINGBY
- E) SWEDISH CITIZEN
- F) DOCTOR OF DENTISTRY, STOCKHOLM SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY, AND
MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, STOCKHOLM SCHOOL OF
ECONOMICS.
- G) PREVIOUSLY TEACHER, DEPARTMENT OF ODONTOGOGY
KAROLINSKA INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE, STOCKHOLM
- H) ARTICLES IN SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS
- I) TRAVELS IN WESTERN EUROPE
- J) GOOD ENGLISH

AND

- A) ASTRAND, SVEN-GUSTAV
- B) BORN SEPTEMBER 27, 1928 IN STOCKHOLM
- C) PRESENTLY DIRECTOR, STOCKHOLM COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC
DENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

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- D) TOPELIUSVAGEN 26, 167 38 BROMMA
- E) SWEDISH CITIZEN
- F) LAW DEGREE, STOCKHOLM UNIVERSITY
- G) PREVIOUS POSITIONS: SECRETARY, CITY OF STOCKHOLM'S BUDGET
DIVISION AND SECRETARY TO THE CITY COMMISSIONER
FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY.
- H) ARTICLES ON ADMINISTRATION OF LOCAL PUBLIC DENTAL
HEALTH SERVICES
- I) TRAVEL IN WESTERN EUROPE AND RUMANIA
- J) ADEQUATE ENGLISH

8. HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR ENTIRE VISIT ARE REQUESTED,
INCLUDING CHICAGO, ROCHESTER AND NEW YORK PER PARA 6).
PLEASE ADVISE NAMES OF HOTLES, PROGRAM OFFICER AND
ADDITIONAL PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS ASAP.

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